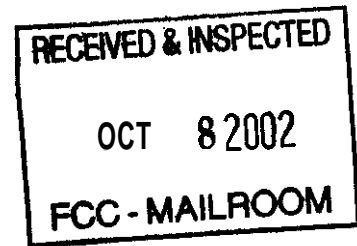


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Re: Request for Waiver
CC Docket number 96-45 and 97-21
Application Number 292399
Funding Year 2002-2003

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to request a waiver on our appeal for Internet connections. Our appeal was submitted because there was a typographical error in a single piece of correspondence processed by the SLD, which listed an inaccurate total number of students in the school. All information on the 471 Form was correct. This typographical error caused the SLD to significantly reduce the school's discount level, which will have a profound impact on the services the school can provide its students. Unfortunately, Howard Gerber, our technology coordinator, was forced to take an emergency medical leave of absence. This prevented him from filing the appeal in a timely fashion.

I hope this waiver can be granted, and the appeal entertained. This funding affords our students the opportunity to learn and grow. I feel that the **loss** of this funding denies them this educational resource that they otherwise deserve. Please assist **us** in preventing the students from suffering the consequences of this unfortunate event.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott DeCarolis".

Scott DeCarolis

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Re: **Application** Number: 292399
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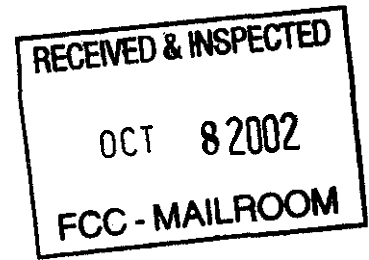
Our records show that **your** appeal was received more than 60 days after the date **your** Form 471 Certification-Rejection Letter was issued. (see dates above). The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules require applicants to submit appeals so USAC/SLD receives them within 60 days of the date that the relevant Funding Commitment Decision Letter was issued. (See "Appeals Procedure" at <http://www.bl.universalservice.org/reference/pealsProcedureYR4.asp>) The FCC rules do not permit the SLD to consider **your** appeal. If you wish to continue this process, you may submit a new appeal via the United States Postal Service, stating the impediment to **your** filing **your** appeal within the original time, to the FCC at the following address:

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Re: Appeal of Funding Commitment Decision Letter
Application Number 292399
Funding Year 2002-2003

To whom it may concern,

I **am** writing to request an appeal for funding granted for our Internet connections. After careful review of our paperwork, we realized that during the 471 audit process, we submitted incorrect numbers related to our student population and discount levels, dropping our discount percentage from 90% to **80%**. A part-time secretary had accidentally made a typographical error listing the total number of student surveys at 377, instead of the correct number of 327. The numbers submitted on the original **Form** 471 are correct.

I hope that this appeal will be approved, thereby preventing our students from suffering the consequences of our error. This funding allows our students the opportunity to learn and grow. I feel that the loss of this funding denies them this educational resource that they deserve.

Regards,

Scott DeCarolis

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